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A Representative of the Rights of the People-Outspoken in the Nations Capitol.

Honorable L. C. Dyer, Member of Congress From Missouri Introduces the Federal Law Against Lynching--Started Investigation in East St. Louis.

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work he is dolored upon as one of the work of destruction. As they field the work of destruction. in the city of St. Louis. Congress- finds expression in mob violence in abiding citizens in a state of terror. great work he is doing in the present drive for World Democracy that perhaps is more evident in this city than ever before. As a champion of the rights of the people, he has been fearless, outspoken and yet conservations of the industries of St. Clair County, were filled with prosti. They swarmed into the railroad state from the railroad state from the railroad state from the railroad state from the streets at night; Negroes sat in the work of destruction. As they fled the work of destruction and the blacks. During the year 1917 their laps on street cars; black work at night; Negroes sat in the work of destruction. As they fled the work of destruction and the blacks. During the year 1917 their laps on street cars; black work at night; Negroes sat in the work of destruction. As they fled the work of destruction and the blacks. During the year 1917 their laps on street cars; black work at night; Negroes sat in the work of destruction. and yet conserva- in the industries of St. Clair County, vagabonds; the dance halls in the Neto arson and murder. Scenes of horave, respecting at all times the feel. They swarmed into the railroad star gro sections were filled with prostiings of those even whom he had crititions on every train, to be met by tutes, half clad, in some instances
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by hundreds, whose hearts knew no prominence by his activity insisting committees and welcomed them to Negroes were induced to buy pty, and who seemed to revel in the upon a federal investigation of the the financial, political, and social lib-homes in white districts by unscrupu. feast of blood and cruelty. recent East St. Louis Riot, than ever before. His heroic speech in the lieve Illinois guaranteed. They sellives of Representatives on Monday, May 7, when he was supporting his exactly defray their transportation, ell elsewhere.

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"Owners of cheap property preferrance as the dead Negroes as tenants, charging them they arrived dirty and hungry and hundreds of New York which had been referred to They stood around the street corners as tenants, charging them they are the dead Negroes, testified an everythese, were thrown ings of the earth. The vag, the safe the Committee on Judiciary, was list in homesick huddles, seeking shelter \$15 a month rent for houses for tiffed an eye-witness, were thrown ings of the earth. The vag, the safe tened to and commented upon at and hunting work. length. While the bill has been "How to deal with them soon be printed in many of the leading news came a municipal problem. Morning "Corrupt politicians found the Negro papers throughout the country, few found them gathered at the gates of them printed from the Congression of them printed from the Congression the manufactories where often they not only bought them on election day, of \$202.000. Your committee contract the gates of the manufactories where often they not only bought them on election day, of \$202.000. Your committee contract the gates of the manufactories where often they not only bought them on election day. al Record, the facts in the case and the arguments put forth together with the law-abiding and drive out the law-abiding hadn't done nothin. When he shot together with the law-abiding and drive out the law-abiding hadn't done nothin. When he shot together with the law-abiding and drive out the law-abiding hadn't done nothin. When he shot together with the law-abiding and drive out the law-abiding hadn't done nothin. When he shot was the insistence of Congressman was found for those already there munity in the courts; crooked law children-were killed and burned less, was ineffective. They actually

ing committee over the whole affair. The constituents of Missouri of Mr Dyer's district are known to staunch en their support and the Republicans everywhere, even those out-side of the city of St. Louis have accorded him great praise, because o his opjen fair-minded manner in presenting the real American ideals, as expressed in the Constitution of the United States and as clamored for in the Halls of Congress from time immemorial. The colleagues of Congressman Dyer have not been slow to recognize his leadership. The following report appeared in the Congressional Record:

East St. Louis Riots.

MR. JOHNSON of Kentucky. Mr The SPEAKER. For what purpos

does the gentleman from Kentucky

MR. JOHNSON of Kentucky. For several months now the committee that was sent to East St. Louis ! make an investigation has been ready

to report, and there is a standing order of the House making it a special privilege to report, and I would like to make the report now. The SPEAKER. You do not want

if there are any more of them? The Chair will recognize the gentleman subject to that condition. Mr. GILLET. May I ask about how

long will it take the gentleman? Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky, There are about 40 or 50 pages of it Mr. GILLET. Are you going to

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky. Yes. Mr. GILLET. Why not print it We would be glad to hear the gentienan if he were going to talk ofthana,

but if he is going to read it-Mr. CANNON Oh, well, if conference reports or appropriation bills interrupt it, the reading could stop

The SPEAKER. The Chair will only recognize the gentleman on that

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky, Mr. Speaker, I read:

"Your committee appointed under

House resolution No. 128 for the purpose of making investigation of the East St. Louis riots which occurred on May 28 and July 2, 1917, reports that as a result of unlawful conditions existing at that place, interstate com- ployment menaced the prosperity and to it that they were not molested. merce was not openly and violently safety of the community. months after the July riot interstate organized labor, a precedent which lested and safe from detection. commerce was interfered with and aroused intense hatred and antagoncommerce was interfered with and aroused intense narred and articled up over his lace as it to pro- or prominent of pro- or of violence, but by a subtle and et. as its aftermath. The feeling of re-automobile some witnesses of violence, but by a subtle and ereas its aftermath. The feeling of re-automobile some waters of criminals, the time an amountance driver came up and came protectors of criminals, the an amountance driver came up and came protectors of criminals, the an amountance driver came up and came protectors of criminals, the an amountance driver came up and came protectors of criminals, the courts were shields for the highway a policeman who found him guilty of dent, was elected attorney for the lewho had been employed by the rail day. White men waised the streets gro section of the homes. No one standing over him said, "If you pick sneak thief, and the murderer. The road to handle freight consigned from in idleness, their families suffering for miscuously into their homes. No one standing over him said, "If you pick sneak thief, and the murderer. The ice box to save his life. road to handle freight consegned from in interess, their lamines safety in the one State to another. So many or food and warmth and clothes, while was injured, but the act aroused up this Negro, you'll get what he got." higher courts were not free from one State to another. So many of lood and warmen and clothes, while was injured to the last their places as laborers were taken a fierce spirit in the breasts of the I saw that same Negro in the under-St. Louis as the result of the July by strange Negroes who were compell Negroes. riot that the railroads could not se ed to live in hovels and who were cure necessary help. After the worst used to keep down wages, effects of the riot had passed this class of labor remained so frightened the various industries in St. Clair that immediate section armed with and intimidated that it would not the importation of these Negroes through the streets ready to avenge had taken shelter. Every time one the pockets of the judge and one of the residence where she was em took up their residence across the from the South. Advertisements were the attack on their homes.

nonpartisan effort to determine the fered keenly from the cold.

fully justified by existing conditions-

"Your committee made an earnest blame at the door of organized labor; invasion. mony, to which is added the convictions of the comittee, ascribe the mob spint and its murderous manifesta. They saw them crowded into wretched abused. The doctor was shot, his port as to just how many found death the reins of government from his "I wus but the overwhelming weight of tests

he blacks.

"The natural racial aversion, which a host of petty offenses kept the law-prostrate and helpless.

"The Negroes were pursued into disgrace, was deliberate. They ed to elect men to high office and the prostrate and helpless."

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Meer of Congress, 12th District of U. S. Court. St. Louis, Mo., the

Missouri (part of St. Lou's). Born Judge who decided that the segregain Warren County, Mo.; 45 years tion ordinance for city of St. Louis was invalid and of no force. old, nephew of Judge D. P. Dyer.

went to such an extent-and it was plentiful and wages high.

"One of the local railroads sent an they had come to protect them. that special means of transportation agent to the Southern States, and on "For answer the Negro mob fired Louis in order to get them to work employed at the southern homes mak. The Negroes continued to empty their was found of the remains. Besides the killing of a num. ing from \$2 to \$2 50 a day. A number guns and revolvers with the result ber of these Negro laborers a very of these men testified before the com- that one of the officers was instantly large number, indeed, fled from the mittee that they were promised \$2.40 killed and another so badly woundthe railroad tracks, all of which will with an allowance of 60 cents a day headquarters next morning and thou-

"East St. Low's wallowed in a mire "The Aluminum Ore Co. brought of lawlessness and unshamed corrup case to your committee said: "This sort of vagrants and drunkards, rened for a week or ten days during and hundreds of them to tion. Criminals from every quarter old man, his dinner bucket lying on dezvous of criminals and schools of made to photograph the rioters who

fective intimidation of colored men sentment grew with each succeeding there were two with each succeeding the property of the city and fired property with each succeeding the were sineids for the night were sineids for the nigh

"The ringing of a church bell at dead, with his arm still arched over low level, midnight, which was a pre-arranged his face." "It was proven conclusively that signal drew a crowd of Negroes from class of labor remained so trightened that it would not County were directly responsible for guns and pistols with the result into houses and sheds where Negroes ing only costs, two-thirds going into ing from an outhouse to the kitchen into houses and sheds where Negroes ing only costs, two-thirds going into ing from an outhouse to the kitchen into houses and sheds where Negroes ing only costs, two-thirds going into river in St. Louis, and would ge printed in various Southern newspa- had not gone far until an automobile and killed. over to East St. Louis in the morn pers urging the Negroes to come to containing several policemen and a ing to work and would return to that East St. Louis and promising them big newspaper, reporter crossed their place before nightfall. In order to wages. In many instances agents path, having been notified by teleget out of East St. Louis and back were sent through the South urging phone that there was danger of an in St. Louis before night came on the the Negroes to abandon profitable em- outbreak. The Negroes cursed them length of the day's work was reduce ployment there and come to East St. and told them to drive on, although ed. The fright of these laborers Lous, where work was said to be one of the detectives flashed his po lice badge and assured them that

ness, and sought the opinions of men they must bear their share of the re- last borne fruit. As the day wore on trace of him ever was found. in every walk of life. The officers sponsibility for the ensuing arson and Negro mobs killed other white men,

cabins, without water or any of the ribs were broken, and both he and in the flames conveniences of life; their wives and his wife were badly beaten. One of children condemned to live in the distance has assailants remarked, Boys, this been a plague spot; within its borreputable quarters of the town, and is Dr. McQuillan, the Aluminum Ore ders and throughout its environs evmade no effort to lift them out of the mire.

"The Negroes gravitated to the unsanitary sections, existed in the squal-the Ore Co., helped the doctor and or of filthy cabins and made no combination. The world be murderers some of the ore of filthy cabins and made no combination. The world be made and combination of the law-abiding. Sodom and Gornal the oreast life that white workness had creating it for them can them on morral were model. Christian combinations of the law-abiding. plaint; but the white workmen had cranking it for them, sent them on a higher outlook, and the failure to their way.

the burdens placed upon them by have the streets soon filled with excited ing conditions revealed before your ing to compete with black labor, people. Men and boys, girls and committee, can be too severe. No This resentennt spreaded until it in women of the town began to attack punishment that outraged justice may cluded thousands who did not have every Negro in sight. All fared alike visit upon them will be adequate. to work with their hands.

"Ten thousand and more strange none was spared. The crowd soon Negroes added to the already large grew to riotous proportions, and for men't the executation of a despoiled colored population soon made East St. hours the man hunt continued, stab-Louis a center of lawlessness. With bing, clubbing and shooting, not the in less than a year before the riot guilty, but the unoffending Negroes. over 800 'holdups' were committed in One was hanged from a telephone pole St. Louis respected and prosperous Washington, D. C.—Few men here tions of the committee ascribe the mob in the Nation's Capital have a more had grown up between the whites and groes. Highway robberies were nightly the streets, the maddened crowd enviable record than Hon L. C. Dver the blacks. occurrences; rape was frequent; and kicking and beating him as he lay brought upon it national censu c and

which white workmen had paid only into a morgue like so many dead blower, and the 'stick-up man' flockhogs.' There were 312 buildings and 44 arrest or disturbance.

Dyer that brought forth the full re fresh swarms arrived from the South yers kept them out of fail; and a dis during the riot, but there were so laid upon the table' a resolution of should have gone into the treasury, know nothin. Dyer that brought forth the full re- fresh swarms arrived from the South, yers kept them out of fail; and a dis- unfill the great number without em- organized, grafting police force saw many flagrantly cruel cases that a inquiry to investigate the conditions "This was the general character of "Her pitiful recitation of this piece some of them will be given.

the ragged edges of a wound and arson, and wanton murder.

scalped her. After a while an ambundance drove up and the bolles of

killed another white man, his bad aim honest people, infuriating the mob that pursued the

knocked a Negro senseless from a ery man engaged in the conspiracy. wagon, and when two reporters offer- Its contamination, spreading from a ed to take the wounded man to the reservoir of corruption in the city hospital another white man threaten- hall, filtered through carefully laid drive away and leave him.

of the crowd drew a pistol and shot the interval retired to assignation him through the head the bullet com- rooms with the drunken brutes who ing out between his eyes.

stepped off a street car, having come workmen were robbed of their daily from St. Louis on his way home. The earnings; into the 350 saloons which mob immediately attacked him with kept open on Sunday many of them such fury that he was left senseless running without a license; into the after being stoned and beaten. A wit-barred houses where the vilest of ness who described this particular whiskey was sold in bottles, the re-"This was the condition of affairs arched up over his face as if to pro- of prominent officials whose duty it reach their victims who were coverently dead, although he had his arm say time an ambulance driver came up and came Potectors of criminals, the taking establishment the next day, ed all ranks and brought them to its involved in the shooting of Minneola

the mob was firing promiscuously worst criminal might escape, exact. scene of the riots but as she was go-

Broadway, between Collinsville Ave the police commissioner, and the possinghtest provocation, and shot off nue and Eighth Street; houses were lice commissioners, in turn, reflect her arm near the shoulder. burned and the poor wretches were the character and wishes of the may. "Minneola McGee is a Negro girl heads, were shot and killed.

had to be provided for them back and some trips he brought back with him a volley into the machine which, at shot and thrown into the doorway of will name policement intelligent groes. It is apparent that even beforth between St. Louis and East St. as many as 30 Negro men, all of them the first shot, drove rapidly away. a burning building, and nothing ever enough to know the law and brave fore her injury she was a frail and

and factories placed the murder that followed this unfortunate and shot at men and women who the door of organized labor; invasion.

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munities by comparison. No terms provide them with better homes add-ed to their bitter dissatisfaction with fresh outrages spread rapidly, and who were responsible for the appail-

ed to its sheltering arms, safe from

perilous.

nues a Negro man and his wife and politicians made money grabbers of ing, burst into flame . 14-year-old boy were assaulted. The the manufacturers, who pittled white man was beaten to death. This head labor against black drove organized quent on a night of May 28, after a was crushed in as if by a blow from labor from their plants, brought thoulargely attended public meeting in "Many other cases of police complioff by some one who took hold of culminated in bloody, pitiless riot, with the incipient mob.

buplance drove up and the bodies of these three Negroes were loaded into it. The father and the son were dead, and when the woman regained consciousness she found herself lying.

"Mayor Mollman surrounded himself as the police finstantly could have quelled and dispersed the crowds, logical fruit of the notorious alliance then made up of small groups, but then made up of small groups, but then made up of small groups, but they either fled into the safety of all elements, aided by saloons, gambons or listlessly ling houses, and houses of prostituconsciousness she found herself lying business first was to elect a man a cowardly seclusion, or listlessly ling houses, and houses of prostituon the dead bodies of her husband and child. This family lived across the Mississippi River in St. Louis and were on their way home after having been on a fishing trip north of East St. Louis. They were innocent of any connection with the race feeling that brought about the riot and were wicking of the savage brutality of the savage brutality of the seen where missing trip north of the savage brutality of the seen where missing trip north of the public treasury, but would not put his own hand into the public treasury, but would not put his own hand into the public treasury, but would save with the reason of the savage brutality of the savage brut Awhite man shot at a Negro and their investment at the expense of

"In the history of corrupt politics not cowardly. in this country there never has been Two Negroes were taken from a a more shameless debauchery or a street car at Illinois and Collinsville more vicious alliance between the Avenues. They were on their way agencles and beneficiaries of crime to St. Louis to escape the fury of the than for years existed in East St. Louis. It is a disgraceful chapter, "Near the stock yards a white man it puts an ineffaceable brand on eved their lives and forced them to conduits into every street and alley; into the hotels where girls-mere At Collinsville and Division Ave-children of 15 years were violated; nues a mob of about 100 men drove into the low dance halls where schoola Negro into the street, knocked him girls listened to lewd songs and endown, stamped on his face, and one gaged in lascivious dances, and in frequented these resorts; into the "An old Negro, about 70 years old, gambling houses where poorly paid

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chief of police.

and honest enough to enforce it. rather delicate girl. When she ap-"There was a crippled Negro who "East St. Louis was doubly unfor peared before your committee, with and sold it a few weeks later to bis took care of the horses and mules tunate. In the person of Mayor Moll- one arm off just below the shoulder friends, the levee board, for \$20,000. for the Hill-Thomas Lime & Cement man it had an executive who obeyed she was a physical wreck. work and never returned to it. In a day and board if they would come ed that he cied later.

Co. He was a faithful, hardworking, orders from a gang of conscienceless no education whatever. It is not addition to this 44 freight cars were to East St. Louis; but when they did "The police automobile, riddled loyal fellow. The day of the riot his politicians of both political parties, possible for her to earn a living in burned and serious damage done to come they were paid only \$1.40 a day, with bullets, stood in front of police employer's stable was in the path of who were exploiting the city for their any other way than by manual labor. the flames. He called up Mr. Thom- own aggrandizement, careless alike Now as a result of as fiendish be referred to further along in this for board, and were fed on coffee, sands viewed it. The early editions as, his boss, on the telephone and of its good name, its security or its piece of work as was ever perpetratbread, and 'lasses' and made to sleep of the papers gave full details of the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity. They were arries who ed, she must, at least to some exposed beauty from the said: 'I just called you up to tell you prosperity.' July 2, East St. Louis awoke to the I ain't goin' to leave; I've turned all that satuated every department of her youth this sort of a life is be-"Responsibility for this influx of realization of the awful fact that the de stock out; I'm going to stay here; the public service and fattened on fore her. She was interrogated ored to pursue every avenue of in- 10,000 or more Negroes into East St dread which had knocked at every . I'm not going outside to be shot.' its festering carcass. Without con- your committee to ascertain whether formation to its source, searched the Louis rests on the railroads and the heart for months could no longer be "This faithful Negro must have science and without shame they led it was possible for her to have been hearts and consciences of every wit manufacturing establishments, and denied. Years of lawlessness had at been consumed in the flames, as no the mayor into devious paths, tempted shot by accident. Her simple story him with assurances of political sup-removed all doubt upon that score, "It is imposs ble to say how many port for his future ambitions, pack as she satisfied every one who heard

"I wuz in a outhouse in de garden.



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own foul and selfish purposes.

force appointed by Mayor Mollman's pinted it right at me and shot my board of police commissioners had arm off. Dar wuzn't nobody twixt me served an apprenticeship as connivers and de soljer fo' hi mto be shootin justices of the peace the fines that me I fell on de ground and didn't

bare recital of the facts concerning that made property unsafe and life the police force of the city of East of brutality toward her had the effect St. Louis on July 1, 1917, when the fo stirring the indignation of every-"At Collinsville and Illinois Ave- "The greed that made crooks of the spirit of lawlessness, long smolder body in the room where the hearing

stone and the boy was shot and sands of inefficient Negroes from the the City Hall at which Attorney Alex- city in the riots could be cited. Inkilled. The woman was very badly South, crowding the white men from ander Flannigan, by unmistakable stead of being guardians of the peace injured; her hair was torn out by the their positions. All this stirred the implication, suggested mob violence, they became a part of the mob by roots and her scalp was partly torn fires of race hatred until it finnally the police department failed to cope countenancing the assaulting and

tims of the savage brutality of the est, maybe, but so weak, so feeble, mob, who spared neither age nor sex in their blind lust for blood.

"Another Negro who was trying to "Another Negro who was tr "Another Negro who was trying to policies, and in the shadow of his came from every quarter of the city, ble for their failure to divorce the poescape from a mob of 30 or 40 men stupidity loot the municipality. This The organization broke down com- lice from its partnership with crook was knocked down, kicked in the face, was not the result of corruption in pletely; and so great was the indir- ed lawyers, corrupt justices of the beaten into insensibility, and then a man stood over him and shot him five t mes as he lay helpless in the street.

was not the result of corruption in pletely; and so great was the indirect of the few policemen who repeated, and notorious criminals. He man stood over him and shot him bought about by a combination below the leaders of the worst element of the police department were. Promistreet. ments in both parties. They pooled lust of the mob for Negro blood, and nent citizens had repeatedly warned encouraged the rioters by their con- him and had supplied convincing duct, which was sympathetic when proof of their charges against the de-

sions:

them.

"In one instance the mob jammed the police department. policemen against a wall and held them there while other members of brains, and nearly all of the audacity the gang were assaulting unoffending of the gang that in recent years has Negroes. The police made no effort held East St. Louis in its grasp were to free themselves and seemed to re-centered in Locke Tarlton, president gard the performance as highly hum- of the East Side Levee Board. It was

orous. Negroes who were huddled to gether. agery.

were taking pictures of the mob, po- obedience to orders would mean rich licemen charged them with their political rewards in the future. billies, broke their machines, destroywere making the streets run red with lent the money and pocketed the pro-

"Two policemen and soldiers were McGee, a Negro girl about 20 years "Local judges were found who old, under circumstances of extreme "Around Third and Brady Avenue would take straw bonds that the brutality. This occurred not at the They ran from these houses he was shot third into the waiting palm of the ployed, when the police and soldiers who accompanied them fired at her "The rioting continued all along "A police force is never better than del berately, and without even the

driven from the r homes or shot as or. If a city has a mayor of courabout 20 years old. She was induced hands publicly paying the Negroes they were trying to escape the flames, age and ability, who is not the weak to leave one of the Southern States who helped ham win an election. Two of them, with hands above their and willing prey of political crooks and go to East St. Louis by the many neads, were shot and killed.

"A Negro child two years old was a board of police commissioners who ments scattered among Southern Ne-

feeble hands and guide it to suit their I hea'd de shootin' an' started fo' de house. When I got put'y nigh de "The great majority of the police house a solier histed his gun and

was being conducted, and at the same

shooting down of defenseless Negroes

"Their disgraceful conduct was the logical fruit of the notorious alliance between the City Hall and the crimin-

partment. He paid no attention to 'Some specific instances will be their warnings and appeals. By his given in proof of the above conclu- failure to remove the police commisscioners he acquiesced in their miste-"After a number of rioters had been ance, and equally is responsible with taken to the jail by the soldiers under them for the heartless crimes commit-Col. Clayton, the police deliberately ted by an unrestrained mob and for turned hundreds of them loose without the lawlessness that was encouraged bond, failing to secure their names and fostered by his failure to enforce or to make any effort to identify the law and hold his subordinates responsible for the proper conduct or

"Much of the energy, some of the "The police shot into a crowd or his cunning mind that helped devise the schemes by which he and his associates were enriched. It was his making no resistance. It was a par- practiced hand that carried them out. ticularly cowardly exhibition of sav- He made Mayor Mollman believe he was his creator; that he had elevated "When the newspaper reporters him to high station; and that his blind

> "As president of the levee board Tariton deposited millions in a local bank and exacted no interest from it. The taxpayers suffered, while the bank ceeds. In further proof of the close relationship that existed between the vee board.

> "Locke Tarlton knew how to handle the Negro vote. He had an unanswer able argument to use with 'floaters. He told them for whom he wanted them to vote, agreed on the they were to get for casting their ballots, or rather having them marked for them by corrupt election officers. and always paid them promptly. Locke Tarlton was a man of honor when dealing with crooked voters. He always kept his word; he was sure pay. One of the picturesque sights in East St. Louis was to see Locke Tariton with a stack of \$5 bills in his

"When the levee board needed right of way over certain land that was owned by a widow, Dr. R. X. Mc-Cracken, the health commissioner appointed by Mayor Mollman, bought the land from the widow for \$5,000 The widow did not know when she sold the land that the levee board McCracken's wife also wanted it. sold land in the same locality to the a levee board for \$600 an acre, while adjoining land was purchased for \$300 "When an organized effort was

made to close the houses of prostitution the mayor would not give a delton, who rented property in which low saloons with assignation and dance hall attachments were featured. In the presence of Rev. George W. Allison who was conducting this crusade, Tariton was purposely profane and vulgar; betrayed his interest by

his anxiety; showed no sympathy (Continued on page 3, column 3)